

What Is Claimed Is:

1. An apparatus for picking up physiological data of at least one person,
wherein the apparatus includes at least one sensor (1, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13) for picking up the physiological data, and wherein the apparatus is configured such that on the basis of the physiological data, the apparatus performs a determination of the age of the at least one person.
2. The apparatus as recited in Claim 1,
wherein the at least one sensor (1, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13) is embodied as an image transducer.
3. The apparatus as recited in Claim 2,
wherein the image transducer (1) is embodied as a stereo video sensor, and the video sensor (1) is assigned an evaluation module (2), which is configured to measure the pupil size, and the apparatus uses the pupil size to determine the age.
4. The apparatus as recited in Claim 3,
wherein the video sensor (1) is configured for triangulation measurement.
5. The apparatus as recited in one of Claims 2 through 4,
wherein besides the image transducer (1), an ultrasound spacing sensor is provided, for measuring the spacing of the at least one person from an air bag cover.
6. The apparatus as recited in Claim 3,
wherein the apparatus is configured such that the apparatus correlates the measurement of the pupil size with at least one further measured value for determining the age.

7. The apparatus as recited in Claim 6, wherein the apparatus uses the hair color and/or the smoothness of the face and/or the skin texture as the at least one further measured value.

8. The apparatus as recited in Claim 6 or 7, wherein the apparatus uses the pulse rate of the at least one person as the at least one further measured value, and for measuring the pulse rate, a pressure pickup (8) is provided.

9. The apparatus as recited in Claim 8, wherein the pressure pickup (8, 12) is disposed in the steering wheel (11) or in the vehicle seat (9).

10. The apparatus as recited in one of Claims 6 through 9, wherein the apparatus determines an electrical parameter of at least one person to ascertain the at least one further measured value.

11. The apparatus as recited in one of Claims 6 through 10, wherein the apparatus is configured for determining the weight of the at least one person, to ascertain the at least one further measured value.